

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, November 15, 2018 in the Board room at the Administrative Office. Chairman Neugebauer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Mr. Neugebauer, Mr. Ake, Mrs. Marcinko, Mr. Strohm and Mr. Gehret were present, constituting a quorum in accordance with AWA Bylaws. All AWA Board of Directors meetings are conducted in accordance with the PA Sunshine Laws. Also in attendance were Consulting Engineer, Mark Glenn, Solicitor, David Consiglio, AWA Staff, Mark Perry, Mike Sinisi, Gina DeRubeis, Todd Musser, Ron Becher and Kathy Gabella.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of the Minutes:

Mrs. Marcinko moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2018 meeting. Mr. Gehret seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bellwood Treatment Plant Update - The Public Water Supply Permit is ready for submission this week. DEP's review process is expected to take 6-8 months.
2. Lake Altoona and Impounding Dam Installation of Rubber Dams – Both dams have been installed. The rubber dam at the Impounding Dam has water against it as the Impounding Dam reservoir is nearly full. The rubber dam at Lake Altoona does not have water against it yet as the water level in Lake Altoona remains low. However both rubber dams have passed inspection.
3. 31st Street Storage Building Roof –The steel frame for the building has been erected. The bids for the construction of the roof have been received and notice-to-proceed has been issued to the low bidder
4. AT&T Highland Park Lease – AT&T Mobility seeks to install a cellular antenna at Highland Park Tank. After much deliberation, technically and legally, the Authority is satisfied with what is being proposed. The lease agreement and a resolution can be found under "new business".
5. Tipton Watershed Timber Sales Prospectus – the foresters would like to send out a Timber

Sales Prospectus for 92 acres on the Tipton watershed. As always this will be a select cut to adequately manage a healthy forest. This will also meet the Authority's budgeted needs for 2018. The bids are due to be received November 19, 2018.

6. Wenturine Property – the purchase of this property needed to be discussed in executive session Resolution (18-11-887)
7. Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project – the spray-on lining will be Contract #196. It was explained that the bids came in under the estimate. The Authority has identified additional combined sewer rehab work. The cost estimate for this work is \$640,000.00 and would be processed through DEP/Pennvest approved change orders. There is a Resolution (18-11-889) to award the bid to Spiniello Companies and authorize a notice-to-proceed for a total contract price of \$4,308,423.00.

Contract #197 is the cured-in-place pipe lining and involves 17,200 LF of pipe located throughout the service area. The bids came in under the cost estimate. The Authority again identified additional sanitary sewer rehab work. IPR Northeast, LLC was the lowest responsible bidder with a total contract price of \$3,681,615.00. Resolution (18-11-890) is to award the bid to IPR and issue a notice-to-proceed through change orders at the discretion of the Authority.

8. Wastewater Rate Resolution – Resolution (18-11-887) is for Pennvest is requiring the Authority to be agreeable to raising its rates or maintain its rates to cover this debt service. This debt service will start to be paid back in 2021.
9. Cost of Service/Rate Structure – Mr. Glenn gave a presentation which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
10. BNR Sales Agreement – the various sales agreements for 2018 generated \$180,368.75 of which the Authority will receive \$90,184.00.

Requisition Approval:

Mr. Neugebauer asked Mrs. DeRubeis for the Financial Report and the Requisitions/Authorizations. Mrs. DeRubeis gave her report and then asked for approval of the following requisitions.

Requisition #92 Water Division Construction Fund totaling - \$59,768.00

Requisition #2015-46 Water Division Capital Project Fund totaling - \$81,298.38

Requisition #10 Water Project Construction Fund totaling - \$461,811.47

Mrs. Marcinko moved to approve the requisitions. Mr. Ake seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Executive Session:

An Executive Session was called at 9:50 for legal issues.

Open Session:

The meeting reconvened at 9:58 a.m.

New Business:

Resolution #18-11-887 to authorize the increasing sewer rates in order to conform to the rate covenants in connection with the Pennvest Funding Agreement in connection with the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project. The sewer rates shall increase effective January 1, 2021.

Mr. Ake moved to approve Resolution #18-11-887. Mrs. Marcinko seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Resolution #18-11-888 to authorize a lease agreement with AT&T Mobility for the installation of a cellular antenna at the Highland Park Tank and the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary or Treasurer are authorized to execute said agreement

Mr. Strohm moved to approve Resolution #18-11-888. Mr. Gehret seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Resolution #18-11-889 – to award Contract #196 Combined Sewer Rehabilitation Cleaning and Spray-on Lining and authorize a Notice-of-Intent-to-Award to Spiniello Companies for a total contract price of \$4,308,423.000

Mrs. Marcinko moved to approve resolution #18-11-889. Mr. Ake seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Resolution #18-11-890 to award Contract #197 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Cleaning and Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining and authorize a Notice-of-Intent-to-Award to IPR Northeast, LLC for a total contract price of \$3,681,615.00

Mr. Strohm moved to approve Resolution #18-11-890. Mrs. Marcinko seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Resolution #18-11-891 to authorize the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary or Treasurer to execute the Sales Agreement between John Wenturine and the AWA for the purchase of property known as Tax Parcel #14-2-3A, consisting of 709.38 acres. The purchase price is \$55,000.00

Mr. Gehret moved to approve resolution #18-11-891. Mr. Ake seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the

question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Other Business:

None

Media Questions

The board and staff addressed questions from Bill Kibler of the Altoona Mirror.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.

Date of Approval: _____

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Frank C. Abe", is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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